



Sunday 18th June 2023

“How can I be generous towards God in a cost-of-living crisis?”



Questions for study and reflection this week

How is the current cost-of-living crisis hitting people hard?
When we think about poverty throughout history, and even in different countries today, how does it give us a perspective on our own situation?

Firstfruits

Read Proverbs 3:1-10.

Can you identify the places in the body where God's wisdom is to be kept?
What blessings from God do we receive if we do this? Are these literal, spiritual or both?!

What 'firsts' can you think of in the New Testament and what does this tell us about God? Why is 1 Corinthians 15:20 so special?

Read Matthew 6:33 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-3.

What 'firsts' are Christians instructed to do, & what does it reflect about us?

Mission

What would you say is the mission of the church?
What things do we have to pay for in pursuit of this mission?

Read Luke 8:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 9:14.

How should this mission be funded, do you think?

Read Proverbs 28:27.

What are the best ways we can help the poor?
How might that help us as we pray for our Hope into Action partnership and the way forward with Food Bank?

Generosity

Read Proverbs 11:24-25, 28.

In what ways do generous Christians prosper?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.

How do we learn generosity?